Page 1

MAR 1 0 2003

GROUP 1700

1713

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ON _

> Yvonne Loftin person signing)

> > UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF: JONES § DOCKET NO.: 57.0272PCT/US

ET AL.

GROUP ART UNIT: U.S. APPLICATION NO.: § 09/646,715

Ş

FILING DATE: 16-NOV-00

EXAMINER: LIPMAN, BERNARD

HYDROPHOBICALLY TITLE: MODIFIED POLYMERS FOR WATER § CONTROL

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified follows. Reconsideration of application as the application is respectfully requested. A request for a three-month extension of time is included herewith.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 10

Applicants respectfully request that the renumber the remaining claims of the present application as indicated in the Office Action, §2.